

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

March 14, 2019

9:00am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Edward Burten, James Hitchcock, Frank Simmons

Prayer

Pledge

Call to Order

Approval of Past Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion to approve those minutes passed with a show of hands.

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$210,040.22
 - Road Department \$90,156.60
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$71,185.35
 - Courthouse \$44,999.28
 - EMA \$2,829.30
 - E-911 \$7,232.56
 - Landfill \$56,959.59

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the bill for the past month, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Road Department Update

- Gary Waller discussed the spraying program that is currently in place for the Road Department, and gave a recommendation for a new herbicide called Target 6. He explained that this chemical is more expensive than the current chemical being utilized, but is more effective and would reduce the number of needed sprayings to two per year. He also stated that he is working on obtaining quotes for a low-boy trailer. Dean Davis gave an update on the striping project and explained that the company is using an orange hued paint that looks noticeably different, but meets the specifications required by the Department of Transportation. He also stated that the motor grader quotes are being received and will be vetted over the next week.

Appointments

- Georgia Lottery – Joy Forth
 - Ms. Forth introduced herself to everyone attending the meeting and discussed statistics that showed the economic impact that the Georgia Lottery has had in Washington County over the past 25 years.

Old Business

- Amendment to Beer/Wine Ordinance
 - The County Administrator explained that this proposed amendment was discussed and formally read in the previous regular meeting, has been properly advertised for the specified amount of time, and was ready to be voted on. The amendment would require the fingerprinting of new applicants and allow for penalties to be imposed on late renewals, as well as a deadline for renewals to be received.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business

- Board of Assessors Appointment
 - The County Administrator explained that there was a vacancy on the Board of Assessors due to the resignation of Daryl Tanner. Mr. Charles Haynes was the recommended individual to be appointed to this board. A vote was required to pass a resolution to appoint Mr. Haynes to the Board of Assessors.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to appoint Mr. Haynes to the Board of Assessors, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Magistrate Software
 - The County Administrator explained that the software used in the Magistrate's office will become obsolete and unsupported by the middle of this year. The Magistrate has asked to use the same system that is being installed in the Clerk of Court's office in order to improve efficiencies between the two offices on documentation and cases. The cost would be \$650 per month, and an installation fee of \$2,500. By using the same software, the Magistrate's office would not have to purchase a server or additional items to obtain the program.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to allow the Magistrate's office to obtain the system, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Roofing Improvements
 - The County Administrator explained that bids were solicited to repair the roof of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Assessors building. Numerous attempts to patch the roof and seal off areas that leak have been ineffective. Water damage is apparent to ceiling tiles and walls of both offices. Four bids were received to repair the roof: Brazos Urethane for \$29,990.00; CVB Industrial for \$47,224.22; Skyline Construction for \$32,180.00; and Viking Construction for \$22,560.44. Each of the four consultants bid on to install a silicone surface on the roof and recommended such, which would keep the building sealed from water for at least 20 years. The recommended bidder was Viking Construction.
 - A motion was made to award Viking Construction the contract by Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Burten. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Timber
 - The County Administrator explained that the executive session held at the pre-meeting was in regard to timber. 5 bids were received to cut the timber located on

the King's Pond tract on Kaolin Road. There are approximately 70 acres of the 90 acres with merchantable timber that can be cut. The bids were received on a per unit pricing schedule. Due to competitive purposes, those per unit prices were not shared publicly. Following a thorough vetting of each bid, it was determined that Cedar Creek Timber is the recommended bidder.


- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to award the timber contract to Cedar Creek Timber, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed unanimously.

Contract Ratification – None

Chairman Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk